

**Town of Freedom
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, July 1, 2024**

Present: Selectmen Less Babb, Alan Fall, Ernie Day, and Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. This meeting was held at the Town Office.

Chairman Babb called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Also present are Scott Brooks, Chief Cunio, Rich Laferriere, and Alan Libby.

Public: Rich Ulrich, Jeff Nicoll

Non-Public

6:40 pm Les made a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Reputation, Roll call Vote

Les-yes

Ernie-yes

Alan-yes

Les made a motion to resume the public meeting at 7:00 pm, motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed unanimously.

Public Meeting

Review of Mail, Sign Manifests, Approval of Minutes

The accounts payable and payroll manifests were reviewed as well as the red folder containing correspondence.

Ernie made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections and non-public minutes of June 17, 2024, motion seconded by Alan Fall; motion passed unanimously.

Department Heads-

Transfer Station- Allan Libby reported that all is going well at the transfer station and the new fees have been posted. Five containers are going out in preparation for the 4th, and jersey barriers are in place for the new gate. The gate will open on July 8th. Stacy reported that the little signs were picked up, but the beautiful sign with the permit number was never picked up.

Highway- Scott reported that gravel had been put down on Freedom Point Rd and Round Pond. The road has been built up at the transfer station as well and dust control will go down at the transfer station and Freedom Point tomorrow.

Gravel will go down on Youngs Hill after the holiday, and two signs one on York Lane need to be replaced. Stacy will have to follow up with Scott on the other missing sign. The header on Rice Hill is done, and the culverts on Cold Brook Rd are done.

Police- Rich reported that they are preparing for the busiest week of the year, and the tires have been put on the 2023 Tahoe. Areas abutting Freedom are reporting overdoses.

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Fire- Rob is still working out the details regarding the shelter with Effingham. The LEOP plan is due on July 8th. He will try to have something by then.

Office- Stacy asked that department heads please have timesheets on Wednesday before 2:00 pm due to the holiday.

Ernie Day- Questioned the Danforth Property where the wall has collapsed, if it is indeed town property, then the residents that have a dock out there and boats need to go because the town does not allow docks. The gentlemen who own a dock has an easement on the property. Les agreed with Ernie that if the town had to spend the money to rebuild the wall and shore up the road, the steps, and all boats, and docks had to go. The lot in question is tax map 32 lot 37. Scott thinks the beach dates to the 60s and doesn't think the town owns it. Alan Fall thinks this will have to be researched to determine who owns it. He believes the town needs to fix the wall to protect Ossipee Lake Road. Gary has someone already to do the permitting, and Ernie said there is money in the infrastructure account to cover expenses. Further research needs to be done to determine ownership of the beach, even though the lot is in the town's name on the tax card. Ernie questioned if we should get legal advice. Scott suggested putting a silt fence up three ft. from the top of the bank (in the town's right of way) to capture any water coming down the side of the road.

Les asked Stacy to contact Rod to find out how the landowner is being taxed for Map 31 Lot 38. The shoreline permit will wait until the owner is determined.

FUEL BIDS

Rymes

#2 Heating Oil- \$3.99/gallon
50/50 oil/kerosene mix all for \$3.99/gallon
Low Sulfur Diesel all for LIC + \$0.65/gallon

Irving

Heating oil-5,000 today's fixed price: \$2.992
Diesel: 25,000 gallons variable rate: \$2.99165 will adjust with the market price.
50/50 mix- no price available.

CN Brown

#2 \$5,000 gallons fixed price \$2.979
ULSD-25,000 gallons Fixed price would be \$3.699 N/30
Mix 800 gallons Fixed price would be \$3.699 N/30

Propane bids will go out at the end of July or beginning of August.

Ernie made a motion to give the bid to CN Brown for the upcoming year; Alan Fall seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Stacy will notify CN Brown and put the bid out for propane.

Board Appointments

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Les went through the town officers and officials that are published in the Town Report.

Les asked Jeff Nicoll if the aquatics works as part of the FCC meeting because it was never voted on to make them officially a part of the group. Jeff responded that the FCC had adjusted its membership to accommodate the FAISC. They have had two meetings so far. He explained that there is an additional workload for the FCC, but they have addressed it by making the former chair of the FAISC an additional vice chair of the FCC. The meetings are structured so that the FAC items are in the beginning and FAISC updates follow FCC updates. The agenda is very packed, and one of the strategies they use to help with the agenda is that the former chair of the FAISC creates an update for the FCC.

Jeff stated the bulk of their time is spent reviewing shorefront applications which they address by looking at the ones that are FCC- related and coming up with a bullet point memo for the members. Les asked how long the meetings were. Jeff responded, typically two hours or more. Jeff said it makes since that the two groups are joined because there is a lot of overlapping but stated pros and cons. Right now, the aquatics are very busy but will slow down once the lake host and applications are completed. FCC is typically busier in the spring with applications, so there is only a little overlapping during the busy season. Jeff said he would not say it is terrible or that it's easy, but he credits the high caliber of volunteers who put in the time before the meetings to prepare. He emphasized that the group is very organized, and therefore, very efficient.

Ernie said merging the two committees was formed because we needed more people on the aquatics. He is concerned about the length of the meetings, and whether it might be too much to ask of the volunteers. He favors the former structure of the FAISC and FCC meeting separately. Alan said the plan is in place for aquatics via the State. The State oversees the diving and the areas that need attention. He stated he is concerned about the longer meetings and people losing interest.

Les tasked Stacy with contacting the aquatics members for their feedback.

Stacy questioned Jeff about members that she still had on the roster but heard they have resigned but has not received any notification from them: Sean Coriaty, John Roman, Janet Myers. Jeff said Sean resigned in a meeting, so it is in the minutes, and he said he would email the office. John Roman has not attended a meeting in quite some time and Janet Myers resigned last year.

Aquatics:

Nancy Christoferi,
Michele Cloutier and
Meagan Broderick.

FCC members that are up for renewal:

Jeff Nicoll
Paul Eli
Sue Hoople

FCC Current Members:

Linda Mailhot (A)
Robert Oram
Michele Keenan

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Heritage Commission (3-Year Term)

Brandon Buttrick

Karrie Buttrick

Mark McKinley

Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen Rep

Karrie Buttrick is up for appointment.

The following appointments were made:

Ernie made a motion to appoint Susan Hoople as an alternate to the FCC, Motion seconded by Alan Fall,

Discussion:

Les asked Jeff Nicole if the FCC had appointed Sue Hoople to speak on behalf of the FCC at the Planning Board meeting. Jeff responded no and stated he crafted an email to her stating as such. Alan added that the same situation came up at a Heritage meeting and the BOS meeting. Jeff reiterated that they have a process to authorize anyone to speak on behalf of the board. It would be voted on and, in their minutes, and any correspondence would come from the chair.

Les asked for the vote:

Alan- No

Les-No

Ernie- No.

Les requested a motion to appoint Jeff Nicoll to the FCC until 2027.

Ernie made a motion to appoint Jeff Nicoll to the FCC until 2027; Alan Fall seconded the motion. Discussion: No discussion. Vote:

Alan-Yes

Ernie- Yes

Les- Yes.

Les requested a motion to appoint Paul Elie to the FCC until 2027.

No motion was made.

Application for Susan Marks. Les requested a motion to appoint Susan Marks.

Alan made a motion to appoint Susan Marks, motion seconded by Ernie Day; discussion: None. Vote:

Ernie- Yes

Les-Yes

Alan- Yes

There are two spots left on Aquatics. FCC/FAISC is at five and can go to seven.

FAC- Will continue to meet with the FCC until further notice.

Heritage Commission-

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Alan Fall made a motion to reappoint Karri Buttrick to another term expiring in 2027, motion seconded by Ernie,
Discussion: None. Vote:

~~Les-Yes~~

~~Ernie-Yes~~

~~Alan-Yes~~

Les asked for a motion to reappoint Sue Hoople. No motion was made.
Carroll County Broadband communications District Planning Committee:
Melissa Florio
Linda Mailhot

Lakes Region Planning Committee (LRPC)
Mark McConkey
Jean Marshall resigned

LRPC Transportation Advisory Committee
Scott Brooks 2025

~~Appointments- None~~

~~Old/New Business-~~

Ernie commented that he got a call from a resident regarding Alfred Godfry Rd. There were two cars from Maine down at the beach. Ernie questioned Scott on the size of the gate needed. Scott will send someone to Paris Farmers to get a 14' gate to put up.

Les reported that he talked to the State about the gravel pit. They said that a permit is not required under 100,000 sq. ft. (approx. 2.50 acres), no permit is required. If it is over 100,000 sq. ft., even the town needs a permit.

Ernie is unhappy with the current auditor and wants them to come in and discuss the audit. We have yet to receive our audit back in a timely fashion.

Alan updated the board that he met with the architects last week. They both will return with a plan, and he will choose from there.

Ernie is proposing to increase personal days from 2 to 3. Les said it must be an agenda item, and the employees must be notified of the meeting.

Scott recapped a situation at 73 Sherwood Forest. Pictures were sent to the office showing sand piled up so the postal carrier could not get to the mailbox. Scott and Alan Fall went and assessed the complaint. The gravel and dirt piled up south of the mailbox were put there by whoever plowed the driveway. The way that the piles are situated indicates it is not the towns' fault because they plow in and plow out. A letter will be sent to the resident explaining this.

Stacy said there is another property on Pequawket.

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Public Comment -

Agenda item next Week:

Increase Personal Day for employees to three.

Aquatic follow-up

Non-Public-

8:20 pm Les made a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Employee, Roll call Vote

Les-yes

Ernie-yes

Alan-yes

Les made a motion to resume the public meeting at 8:30 pm, motion seconded by Ernie; Motion passed unanimously.

Being no further input, Alan made a motion to adjourn. Ernie seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.
Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Consent Agenda:

Payroll Manifest - week ending - 6/26/24	Approved
Accounts Payable Manifest - week ending 6/28/24	Approved
Meeting Minutes 6/17/24	Approved

Correspondence:

J'Nai Smallwood Tri County Action Program	Reviewed
Vachon Clukay Audit Letter	Reviewed
Metropolitan Life Ins	Reviewed
Intent of Cut Map 3 Lot 79-27	Reviewed
Yield Tax Levy Map 12 lot 13	Reviewed
Report of cut Rapkin	Reviewed
Abatement 60-41-N17	Reviewed
Abatement60-01-N1	Reviewed
Abatement 60-1-YFL01	Reviewed
Abatement 60-1-YLA04	Reviewed
Warrant for Land Use Change Tax Map 14 Lot 49	Reviewed

Stacy Bolduc, Town Administrator

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on _____:

Leslie R. Babb

Ernest F. Day, Jr.

Alan G. Fall